



**EL DORADO CENTER  
COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE**

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Los Rios Community College District

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Lester Snow  
Executive Director  
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Dear Director Snow,

Our goal as participants of the El Dorado Campus Hiking Club is similar to that of the other hiking clubs: To enjoy preserve and protect the environmental areas within this college region. Preserve and protect are critical as you are pressured to have us, taxpayers, pay for dams which will profit certain developers and agribusiness men. We urge you to ensure that CalFed puts forth and selects a new "Smart Alternative" based upon conservation and restoration to provide reliable, high-quality water for the present and the future generations. Future generations have essentially lost the opportunity to observe a natural, non-damed river due to greed of certain speculators. We recommend:

1. Use conservation programs and economic incentive to use our current available water more efficiently...the lawns at the model homes for new subdivisions have been observed spraying in mid-day, with the precious run-off water going into the sewer drain.
2. Maximize water efficiency before even considering costly new dams and reservoirs or a new Peripheral Canall
3. Restore and protect our currently watersheds and groundwater basins. There has never been an assessment of available ground water in El Dorado County.
4. Restore California's current wetlands, rivers, delta and bay region.

PLEASE ENTER THESE COMMENTS INTO THE FORMAL RECORD FOR YOUR  
DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND STATEMENT.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sarah Pender, Advisor, and hiking club students of El Dorado Campus

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